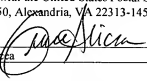


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for aligning a plurality of optical elements in an optical device, comprising the steps of:

- (a) placing at least a first optical element in a first beam path;
- (b) fixing the first optical element in place without substantially compensating for errors in optical alignment;
- (c) placing at least a first optical alignment element (OAE) in the first beam path; and

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